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SUBJECT: INFESTED GRAIN STOCKS

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1. BOTH AID FDO AND WFP REPS HAVE BEEN DAILY SEEKING JOINT MEETING WITH GIRM HEALTH MINISTER SINCE 1 JANUARY TO DISCUSS FUMIGATION MEASURES AND FUTURE PROGRAM PLANS RESULTING FROM SCHEDULED 31 DECEMBER CABINET MEETING DISCUSSED REFTEL C. MEETING SO FAR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AND CANCELLED THREE TIMES BY MINISTER DUE OTHER CABINET AND POLITICAL BUREAU MEETINGS. MINISTER WAS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABINET MEETING AGAIN TODAY WHEN WE MADE DAILY CHECK WITH HIS

SECRETARY FOR APPOINTMENT.

2. COST ESTIMATES FOR FUMIGATION HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY AID DAKAR FROM DAKAR FIRM WHICH BELIEVED ONLY ONE IN AREA WITH NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS. AFTER 18 DECEMBER MEETING WITH MIN HEALTH IN WHICH HE SAID WANTED EXPLORE FIRM CAPABILITY, CHECK BY WFP REP WITH HIS MINAGRICULTURE CONTACTS DISCLOSED NOLOCAL CAPABILITY. AGRICULTURE PLANNED ADVISE MINHEALTH BRING IN FOREIGN FIRM, AND AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL WOULD LEARN FROM THEM DURING FIRST FEW TREATMENTS SO COULD THEN TAKE OVER. FYI, THIS DESIGNED AVOID MINISTER'S AVERSION UTILIZATION FOREIGN FIRMS. END FYI.

3. REFTEL D INDICATED THAT MAJORITY ROSSO STOCKS STILL THERE 31 DECEMBER DESPITE MINISTER'S WITHDRAWAL PLANS AND ALSO REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL STOCKS NOUAKCHOTT. WHEN MEETING WITH MINHEALTH OBTAINED, WILL USE THIS AS ADDITIONAL INDICATION PRESSING NEED FUMIGATION.

4. VISIT BY CDO AND FDO TO NOUADHIBOU 8 JANUARY (DETAILS FOLLOWING BY AIRGRAM) DISCLOSED NO INFESTATION PROBLEM THERE AND STOCKS STORED ACCEPTABLY.

5. IN VIEW CONTINUED DIFFICULTY OBTAINING MEETING WITH MINISTER, CDO HAS WRITTEN HIM LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY UNDERLINING URGENCY FUMIGATION, OFFERING AID EXPERTISE AND FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN FUMIGATION COSTS, AND REQUESTING MINISTER MEET ASAP WITH FDO AND WFP REP PREPARE PLANS. WFP REP HAS PREPARED SIMILAR AIDE-MEMOIR FOR MINISTER CITING URGENT NEED AND OFFERING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL HELP. LATTER BASED ON OSRO CABLE OF 9 JANUARY STATING ONLY OSRO AND USAID WOULD ASSIST COVER COSTS AND NO NEED APPROACH OTHER DONORS.

6. IF MEETING WITH MINISTER NOT OBTAINED BY FDO AND WFP REP NEXT FEW DAYS, CHARGE PLANS ATTEMPT ARRANGE MEETING HIMSELF WITH MINISTER TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE USG PLACES ON PROMPT INITIATION FUMIGATION. SHINN END QUOTE KISSINGER

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